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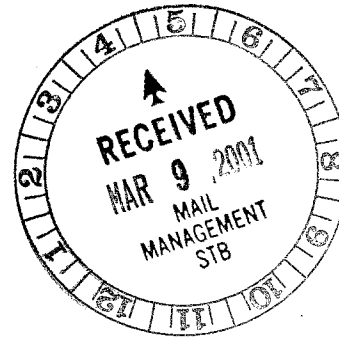
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Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
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Attn: ST B Ex Parte No. 582 (Sub-No.1)
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: Major Rail Consolidation Procedures
STB Ex Parte No. 582 (Sub-No. 1)

Dear Secretary Williams:

In response to the Board's announcement on February 22, 2001 that it will provide opportunity on April 5, 2001 for oral argument in the above-referenced proceeding, I am providing the following information:

(1) **Identity Of Party**

Canadian National Railway Company, Grand Trunk Western Railroad Incorporated, Illinois Central Railroad Company (collectively, "Canadian National Railway Company").

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(2) Issues To Be Addressed

- a. The overall benefit of raising the bar in merger review:
 - i. To assure adequate service.
 - ii. To assure mergers will enhance efficiency.
- b. Aspects of the proposed rules that would unnecessarily hinder the efficient workings of capital markets, including:
 - i. Special requirements for applications for transnational mergers
 - ii. Unwarranted competition enhancing conditions.
 - iii. Impractical requirements for assessing downstream transactions and other potential market impacts of transaction.
 - iv. Mandatory pre-approval of voting trusts.

(3) Speaker Time Requested

15 Minutes

(4) Identity Of Speaker

Paul A. Cunningham, Attorney for Canadian National Railway Company

In accordance with the Board's decision, we are providing 25 copies of this letter. We have also served parties of record in this proceeding. Kindly date-stamp the extra copy of this letter that our messenger is presenting, and return it to the messenger.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul A. Cunningham / nlh".

Paul A. Cunningham
Attorney for Canadian National Railway Company

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I have this 9th day of March, 2001, caused the foregoing "Request of the Canadian National Railway Company to Appear at Oral Argument" in the Ex Parte No. 582 (Sub No.1) proceeding to be served upon all known parties of record in this proceeding by first-class mail or a more expeditious method.



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